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## ICC ANNOUNCES FORUM ON ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINES 345 kV Lines Proposed for Southern Illinois

The Illinois Commerce Commission will host a public forum at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 18 at the Red Bud Elementary School cafeteria, to receive comments on an Ameren company plan to build new transmission lines in Southern Illinois.

Ameren Transco, a subsidiary of Ameren, is seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity, in accordance with the Public Utilities Act, to construct the lines and will own, control, operate and manage them when the project is completed.

The forum is designed to give residents of the region an opportunity to comment on Ameren's proposal for three 345 kV electric transmission lines, which will connect Prairie State Generating Company to the Ameren transmission system. The lines will cross parts of Monroe, Randolph, St. Clair and Washington counties.

A copy of the company's petition was filed with the clerk of the Commission and posted to the ICC website icc.illinois.gov, at e-docket, Docket #06-0179.

Written and oral comments will be accepted at the public forum and a stenographic record of comments will be taken.

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